## Claims

1. Compounds of the general formula (II)

$$R_3$$
 $R_2$ 
 $R_1$ 
 $R_5$ 
 $R_6$ 
 $R_6$ 
Formula (II)

in which  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  either are the same or different and represent

- hydrogen, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NC, OH, SH, NO $_2$ , SO $_3$ H, NH $_2$ , CF $_3$ , or
- substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower ( $C_1\text{-}C_6$ ) alkyl or alkoxy or
- an amino group substituted by one or more substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower  $(C_1-C_6)$  alkyl or alkyl carbonyl or alkoxy carbonyl group or
  - a COOH, COO alkyl, CONH, CON alkyl group or
  - $-(CH_2)_n-Cl$ ,  $-(CH_2)_n-Br$ ,  $-(CH_2)_n-OH$ ,  $-(CH_2)_n-COOH$ ,

 $-(CH_2)_n-CN$ ,  $-(CH_2)_n-NC$ , in which

•  $R_1-R_2$  may together form -CH=CH-CH=CH-, -O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-O-, with n = 1 to 3;

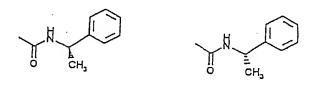
 $R_3$  is  $OCH_3$  or the same as  $R_1$ , or

 $R_2-R_3$  can jointly form:  $-O-(CH_2)_n-O-$ , with N=1 to 3;

 $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ : are both hydrogen or, alternatively, any combination of hydrogen or an alkyl, alkenyl, alkinyl, or

- $\bullet$  S-R8, wherein R8 is hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower (C1-C10) alkyl group
  - SO-R<sub>8</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>8</sub>

- OH, O-protective group
- O-CS-N-R<sub>8</sub> (thiourethanes)
- O-CO-N-R<sub>9</sub>, wherein R<sub>9</sub> has the following meaning:



 $\bullet$  O-CO-R8, including esters with a substitution pattern of amino acids as follows

- $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  may jointly be hydrazone (=N-NH- $R_{10}$ , =N-N( $R_{10}$ ,  $R_{11}$ ), oximes (=N-O- $R_{11}$ ), wherein  $R_{10}$  is hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ ) alkyl or alkyl carbonyl or alkyl carbonyloxy group as well as a sulfonic acid group, and  $R_{11}$  is hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ ) alkyl or alkyl carbonyl group, as well as a sulfonic acid group;
  - R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> may also be:

wherein  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  = O, S, NH or N-R<sub>10</sub> (excess valences in each case are -H)

- wherein, in the event that  $R_4$  is not H,  $R_5$  can also be OH and, in the event that  $R_5$  is not H,  $R_4$  can also be OH.  $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ : jointly or separately have the meaning:
- -C( $R_{13}$ ,  $R_{14}$ )-, wherein  $R_{13}$ ,  $R_{14}$  can be hydrogen, OH, a substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower alkyl, aryl, alkoxy or aryloxy group or jointly an alkyl spiro group ( $C_3$  to  $C_7$  spiro ring).
  - $G_1$  and  $G_2$  may jointly represent

with m = 1 to 7

 $G_3$ : represents  $CH_2$  or =CO

 $R_6$  represents a group  $-(G_4)_p-(G_5)_q-G_6$  with p, q = 0-1, in which  $G_4$  satisfies the following definition

•  $-(CH_2)_s$ -,  $-C(R_{15}, R_{16})$ - $(CH_2)_s$ -, with R = 1 to 6 and  $R_{15}$ ,  $R_{16}$  = hydrogen, or substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, or aryl groups

• -O- or -NR<sub>15</sub>

wherein 
$$s=1-4$$
, and  $t=0-4$ 

that is an ortho, meta or para disubstituted aromatic

 $G_7$ 

wherein  $G_7=NR_{15}$ , O or S,

 $G_5$  can be identical with or different from  $G_4$  and, in the event that P=1, additionally represents  $-S_-$ ,  $G_6$  fulfills the following definition:

$$R_{17}$$
 $R_{18}$ 
 $R_{19}$ 
 $R_{20}$ 
 $R_{19}$ 
 $R_{20}$ 
 $R_{20}$ 

- $\cdot$  R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>18</sub>, R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> individually or jointly are the same or different, and are hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl groups, where R<sub>17</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> and R<sub>19</sub> and R<sub>20</sub> can jointly form a cycloalkyl group (with a ring size of 3-8)
  - $G_8 = O$ , S, NH,  $NR_{21} (CH_2)_n -$ ,
- $R_{21}$  = CHO, COOR<sub>17</sub> or a heteroaryl group, which is unsubstituted or substituted identically or differently by one or several F, Cl, Br, I, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, alkyl, alkyloxy, CN, NC or CF<sub>3</sub>, CHO, COOH, COO alkyl, SO<sub>3</sub>H, SH or S-alkyl groups, or
- a methyl group, which is substituted by 1-3 phenyl groups, which are unsubstituted or substituted identically or differently by one or more F, Cl, Br, I,  $NO_2$  alkyl, alkyloxy, CN, NC or  $CF_3$  groups,

wherein G<sub>8</sub> can also be:

$$(CH_2)s$$

$$(CH_2)n$$

$$(CH_2)n$$

$$(CH_2)n$$

$$(CH_2)n$$

$$(CH_2)s$$

$$(CH_2)s$$

$$(CH_2)s$$

$$(CH_2)s$$

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$$(CH_2)s$$

$$(CH_2)s$$

$$(CH_2)m$$

$$(CH_$$

- a substituted or unsubstituted straight or branched lower alkyl, alkenyl, alkinyl, cycloalkyl or aryl groups,
- $-O-R_{17}$ ,  $-NR_{17}R_{18}$ , phthalamido, -CN or -NC;  $R_7$  is identical with  $R_6$  or represents  $-O-^{(-)}$  (N-oxide) or a free electron pair (e-pair), wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  can also form a common ring, 3 to 8 carbon atoms in size and
- X exists only if, and represents an ion of a pharmacologically unstable inorganic or organic acid, where  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are present and the nitrogen atom thus carries a positive charge; and
- Z = N or N $^{+}$  in the event that R $_4$  and R $_7$  are present jointly and R $_7$  is not O $^{-}$ .--

2. Compounds having the general formula (III):

wherein R<sub>22</sub>

Formula (III)

- is a (hetero) aryl group, which is unsubstituted or substituted identically or differently by one or several F, Cl, Br, I, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, OH, alkyl, alkoxy, CN, NC or CF<sub>3</sub>, COOH, COOalkyl, SO<sub>3</sub>H, SH or S-alkyl groups or
- a methyl group, which is substituted by two phenyl groups, which are substituted identically or differently by one or more F, Cl, Br, I, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, OH, alkyl, alkoxy, CN, NC or CF<sub>3</sub>, CHO, COOH, COOalkyl, SO<sub>3</sub>H, SH or S-alkyl groups,

 $R_{17},\ R_{18},\ n,\ s$  having the meanings given for the general formula (I) and

$$R_{23} = -(G_5)_q - (G_4)_p - G_9$$

wherein  $G_4$  and  $G_5$  have the meanings given for the general formula (I) and  $G_9$  is defined as F, Cl, Br, I, OH, O-ts, O-ms, O-triflate, COOH COCl CHO,  $-O-R_{17}$ ,  $-NR_{17}R_{18}$ , phthalimido, -CN or -NC or by other groups suitable for nucleophilic substitutions, addition reactions, condensation reactions, etc.

3. A compound of claim 2 having the formula:

4. A compound of claim 2 having the formula:

- 5. A composition consisting essentially of a compound according to claim 2, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 6. A method for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, comprising administering to a human patient in need thereof a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of a compound as claimed in claim 2.
- 7. A method for the treatment of trisomy 21, comprising administering to a human patient in need thereof a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of a compound as claimed in claim 2.